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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

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REQUEST FOR SCHEDULE EXTENSION FOR AREA 9, PHASE II CERTIFICATION

Reference:

Project Specific Plan for Supplemental Background Soil Study, Document

Number 21120-PSP-0002, Revision 0, dated July 20, 2000

The purpose of this correspondence is to request a schedule extension for the submittal of the Area 9, Phase II (A9PII) Certification Design Letter (CDL). The Sitewide Excavation Plan proposed a date of August 27, 2000 for submittal of the A9PII CDL. The on-going efforts in Area 9, Phase I (A9PI) over last year and the uncertainty regarding the path forward in A9PI have resulted in the need to delay the initiation of certification activities in A9PII. Although the northernmost eight acres of A9PII, owned by Mr. Carl Summe, are currently being investigated with A9PI, Fluor Fernald, Inc. is proposing that full precertification and certification activities in A9PII be delayed until the impact of the Supplemental Background Soil Study (referenced above) can be fully evaluated.

Since a path forward proposal for A9PI is due by November 1, 2000, the Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project (DOE-FEMP) is proposing that a date for the submittal of the Precertification Project Specific Plan (PSP) for A9PII also be submitted to the Agencies in that document. Precertification scanning and physical sampling, if necessary, can then be carried out over the winter months if an access agreement can be obtained in time. Once precertification scanning and/or sampling are complete in A9PII and a definite course of action for A9PI has been established, another proposal will be submitted to the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the path forward for certification in A9PII.

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If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,

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